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SUBJ: US/SOVIET BILATERAL OF NOVEMBER 24, 1977

REF: MBFR VIENNA 626

1. IN DISCUSSION BETWEEN SOVIET DEP REP SHUSTOV AND US
DEP REP ON THE MARGINS OF THE NOVEMBER 24 PLENARY, US DEP REP
ASKED SHUSTOV IF EASTERN REPS HAD AGREED ON FORMULA WHICH WOULD
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FOLLOW THE LINES OF TARASOV'S SUGGESTION THAT PARTICIPANTS
COULD TAKE NOTE OF THE EAST'S OCTOBER 25 PROPOSAL ON DATA
EXCHANGE AND ALSO STATE THAT EACH SIDE WOULD REMAIN FREE TO
DETERMINE ITS FUTURE TACTICS AFTER THE PROJECTED EXCHANGE OF
DATA. SHUSTOV SAID EAST HAD NOT YET AGREED ON A FORMULA AND
INDICATED THAT SOME SOVIET ALLIES WERE CAUSING DIFFICULTIES
OVER THE CONCEPT OF AGREEING THAT EACH SIDE WOULD RETAIN

FULL FREEDOM AS TO ITS FUTURE TACTICS AFTER THE DATA EXCHANGE. US DEP REP TOL SHUSTOV THAT THE AD HOC GROUP WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR AUTHORITIES ANY APPROACH ON THE MODALITIES OF EXCHANGE OF AIR MANPOWER DATA UNLESS ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF DATA EXCHANGE INCLUDING THIS ONE HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY CLARIFIED PREVIOUSLY. SHUSTOV REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS. HE SAID THE SOVIETS HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE MODALITIES OF AIR MANPOWER DATA. IN HIS VIEW, BOTH ISSUES SHOULD BE HANDLED AS ONE PACKAGE IN TERMS OF GETTING AGREEMENT BOTH ON THE EASTERN AS WELL AS THE WESTERN SIDE. US DEP REP REPEATED HIS EARLIER POINT AND TOLD SHUSTOV THE NEXT MOVE WAS UP TO THE SOVIETS. SHUSTOV SAID HE WOULD INFORM US DEL IMMEDIATELY WHEN MOSCOW INSTRUCTIONS ON AIR MANPOWER WERE AVAILABLE SO BOTH ISSUES COULD BE RESOLVED.

2. US DEP REP RECALLED THAT THE EAST HAD RAISED A QUESTION IN THE NOVEMBER 15 INFORMAL SESSION CONCERNING WESTERN STATEMENT THAT THE EXCHANGE OF DATA WAS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE DATA WHICH MIGHT FORM THE BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT EAST UNDERSTOOD THE WESTERN POSITION ON THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE, HE WISHED TO POINT OUT THAT THE DETAILED FIGURES TO BE PRESENTED ARE VALID ONLY FOR THE SPECIFIC POINT IN TIME INDICATED AND ARE TABLED ONLY IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING DIVERGENCIES IN AVAILABLE FORCE DATA. THEREFORE, THEY CANNOT BE USED TO COMPUTE FUTURE REDUCTIONS AND/OR LIMITATIONS AND ARE CONSEQUENTLY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY DATA WHICH MIGHT

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FORM THE BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT. SHUSTOV REPLIED THAT EAST UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT AND INDICATED THAT IT RAISED NO OBJECTION. RESOR UNQUOTE VANCE

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